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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

In Reply Refer To:
OEP/DG2E/Gas 3
ET Rover Pipeline LLC
Rover Pipeline Project
Docket No. PF14-14-000

August 21, 2014

Ms. Tinka Hyde
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Water
Region 5 Office (OH, MI)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604



RE: Request for Participation as a Cooperating Agency

Dear Ms. Hyde:

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) would like to request your assistance as a cooperating agency in the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Rover Pipeline Project (Project), which is proposed by ET Rover Pipeline LLC (ET Rover). The FERC is the lead federal agency responsible for conducting environmental reviews of proposed interstate pipeline projects in compliance with NEPA. We recognize that your agency has special expertise with respect to environmental issues associated with the project and request that your cooperation with the environmental review process for the project.

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The proposed Project would be designed to transport 3.25 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas to markets in the Midwest and Canada. ET Rover plans to construct and operate about 586 miles of new 36- and 42-inch-diameter mainline and lateral pipelines in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Michigan. The Project begins near Leesville, Ohio and ends at the U.S./Canadian border near East China, Michigan. Of the total mileage, about 209 miles would include 2 parallel, 42-inch-diameter pipelines between Leesville and Defiance Ohio (about 191 miles) and between Leesville and Cadiz, Ohio (about 18 miles). Additional facilities would include ten new compressor stations, multiple new metering and regulating stations, and other appurtenant facilities.

Consistent with NEPA implementing regulations (Title 40 CFR Part 1501.6) and the formalized agreement between our agencies,¹ we hope that your involvement as a cooperating agency will allow us to:

¹ Interagency Agreement on Early Coordination of Required Environmental and Historic Preservation Reviews Conducted in Conjunction with the Issuance of Authorizations to Construct and Operate Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines Certificated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission – May 2002.

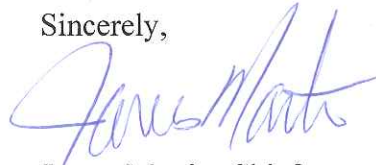
- work together as well as with the project proponents and other stakeholders to identify and resolve environmental issues early in the review process;
- attempt to build a consensus on appropriate methods to avoid or minimize environmental impacts; and
- expedite the environmental permitting and review of this project.

If you would like to participate with us in preparing the EIS, please send a letter expressing your interest and anticipated level of involvement to the Secretary of the Commission at the address provided below:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St., N.E., Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to your reply and hope to see you at our first interagency meeting. Once we receive additional Project information, FERC will set a schedule for the interagency meetings and public scoping meetings, and mail a notice with the details. If you have any questions or comments please contact Kara Harris, environmental project manager, at 202-502-6296 or kara.harris@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Martin", is written over the typed name.

James Martin, Chief
Gas Branch 3

cc: Public File, Docket No. PF14-14-000